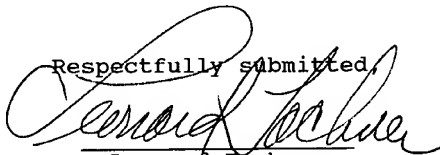


PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Continued

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is enclosed with a utility patent application Transmittal Form Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) for the filing of a divisional application based on a parent application Serial No. 09/049,360 filed March 27, 1998. Certain claims in the parent application have been allowed and the issue fee therefor has been paid. The allowed claims in the parent application were 4-6, 10, 14-16, 20, 24-26, 30, 34 and 36. The remaining claims, namely claims, 1-3, 7-9, 11-13, 17-19, 21-23, 27-29, 31-33 and 35 were cancelled from the parent application. The accompanying new divisional application will permit the applicant to continue prosecuting those cancelled claims while obtaining issuance of the parent application. Accordingly, by this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant wishes to cancel all the allowed claims of the parent leaving only the cancelled claims for prosecution herein. The accompanying filing fee is based upon only the claims that are being filed herewith and that were cancelled from the parent application. A set of the claims pending in this application is enclosed including the amendments that were entered in the parent application.

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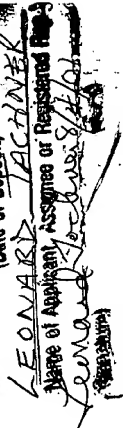
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